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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY UPPER

VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER, SEPTEMBER 29

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1. I CAN'T FIND ANY FLAW IN USUN'S REASONING AS OUTLINED IN REF (A). MY CONVERSATION WITH GARANGO OCTOBER 2 WAS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY USUN AND I WOULD HAVE NO HESITATION IN DOING THE SAME WITH LAMIZANA. MY ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER WE SHOULD SINGLE OUT UPPER VOLTA FOR A TOUGHER DEMARCHE WHICH MIGHT INLUDE AN IMPLIED THREAT OF SUSPENDING OUR AID. ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE THE LIST OF SPEAKERS, I SUSPECT THAT ONE OF ZERBO'S MISTAKES (AND HE HAS MADE MANY) WAS PERHAPS TO BE THE FIRST TO SPEAK AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF POOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES RECEIVING U.S. AID. THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN MORE CONSISTENTLY VOCAL IN THEIR SUPPORT OF ANTI-US MANEUVERS WHILE RECEIVING MORE U.S. AID THAN UPPER VOLTA. IF WE ARE TO TAKE A TOUGHER LINE WITH SUCH COUNTRIES, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO IT WITH ALL OF THEM.

2. IT IS DIFFICULT AT THIS POINT TO PREDICT WHAT LAMIZANA'S REACTION WOULD BE TO THE TYPE OF TOUGH DEMARCHE DESCRIBED  
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ABOVE. HE COULD RESERSE POSITION TAKEN BY ZERBO ON KOREAN

QUESTION BUT THIS COULD LEAD TO ZERBO'S RESIGNATION. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW ZERBO'S DEPARTURE WOULD BE A GOOD THING BUT IT COULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS WITHIN MILITARY REGIME. WHILE ZERBO IS NOT PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL, HE DOES BELONG TO A GROUP OF YOUNGER OFFICERS WHO, SO FAR, HAVE BEEN KEPT IN LINE BY THE OLDER AND MORE CONSERVATIVE OFFICERS WHO FORM A MAJORITY WITHIN MILITARY REGIME. A SPLIT COULD DEVELOP AS A RESULT OF ZERBO'S RESIGNATION, THE FIRST SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK OVER IN 1966. I FIND IT HARD TO IMAGINE THAT LAMIZANA WOULD RISK SUCH A SPLIT AT THIS TIME.

3. LAMIZANA COULD PROMISE A MORE PRO-US ATTITUDE IN FUTURE, BUT IN FACT DO NOTHING, THEREBY THROWING BALL BACK IN OUR COURT. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT EXCEPT FOR FOOD AND RELATED AID IN THE DROUGHT YEARS OF 1972 ANND 1973 AND TWO PROJECTS INITIATED THIS YEAR, OUR AID TO UPPER VOLTA HAS SO FAR BEEN MINIMAL AS COMPARED TO THAT OF OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND HAS CONSISTED LARGELY OF SENDING A FEW EXPERTS AND NUMEROUS FACT FINDING MISSIONS, BUT VERY LITTLE CASH. OUR REFUSAL TO PERMIT UPPER VOLTA TO MAKE A COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF LIGHT U.S. ARMS ON A CASH BASIS LAST BEFRUARY, WHEN IT NEEDED IT BADLY, CAME AS A BLOW TO GOUV ESPECIALLY SINCE IT HAD TO PAY A LOT MORE FOR THESE ARMS ON THE BLACK MARKET. OUR RECENT REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF THE FADA N'GOURMA-NIAMEY ROAD, A PROJECT TO WHICH UPPER VOLTA HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY, WAS ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT U.S. AID TO UPPER VOLTA IS, AS YET, NOT MUCH OF A CARROT TO USE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I WOULD PROPOSE TO SEE LAMIZANA, PREFERABLY IN ZERBO'S PRESENCE, AND FOLLOW ESSENTIALLY THE LINE I HAVE TAKEN WITH GARANGO. INSTEAD OF WONDERING ALOUD WHETHER VOLTANS STILL WISH OUR AID, I WOULD WONDER WHETHER THEY STILL WANT OUR FREINDSHIP.  
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